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In re the application of:

EGGEN, et al

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For: PROCESS FOR RAPID SOLUTION SYNTHESIS OF PEPTIDES

Response to Notice of Non-compliant Amendment  
and Response to Restriction Requirement

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir,

I. Introduction

Applicants hereby responds to the Notice of Non-compliant amendment of March 16, 2005 as follows and respectfully preliminarily amends the Claims and further responds to the Restriction Requirement: Please charge deposit account 02-2334 for any fees and to credit any credits. No action has yet occurred on the merits.

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In response to the Restriction Requirement of the Interview of February 28, 2005, applicant elect prosecution of Claims 28-46 and 48-54, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Additionally, Applicants choose the species as follows:

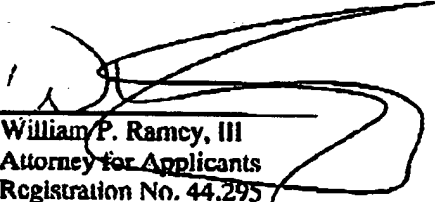
- i) wherein the scavenger is not used for deprotection;
- ii) wherein the scavenger is an amine; and,
- iii) benzyl  $\beta$ -alaninate or a salt thereof as an example of a suitable scavenger.

Applicants maintain their other species election from the Response to the Restriction Requirement of June 16, 2004, with traversal.

#### IV. Conclusion

Should the Examiner have any questions, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' attorney, William P. Ramey, III, at 302-933-4034. The application is believed in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees and to credit any credits to deposit account no. 02-2334.

Respectfully submitted,



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